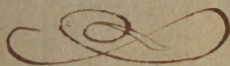


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REGULATIONS

OF THE

East India Marine Society,

Massachusetts :

An Association of Masters and Commanders of Vessels,
and of such persons as may be hereafter described,
who have been, or are, engaged in the East India
Trade from the Town of Salem.

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WE the Subscribers, being fully convinced of the advantages from a friendly and mutual Association of such Masters or Commanders of Ships as have or shall navigate in the Seas near or beyond the Cape of Good Hope, round Cape Horn, or in the East Indies, and shall be Inhabitants or Residents in Salem ; do agree to form ourselves into a Society by the name of the **EAST INDIA MARINE SOCIETY** of Salem, Massachusetts : and we hereby consent to the following Articles :

I.

THE persons to be Members of this Society are such as have actually navigated the Seas near or beyond the Cape of Good Hope, or round Cape Horn, as **MASTERS or COMMANDERS** of Vessels.

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II.

Also any person, being of the age of twenty-one years, and having been a **FACTOR** or **SUPERCARGO** of a Vessel sailing from, or belonging to, the Town of Salem, in the East India Trade, may be a Member.

III.

No Member can be elected, but by Three Fourths of the Members present at the time of the election; and every Member shall be proposed at some meeting held before that at which he is elected, unless, for special reasons, the President and Committee of Observation order otherwise.

IV.

THIS Society shall have a **PRESIDENT**, a **COMMITTEE** of **OBSERVATION**, consisting of Three Members, a **TREASURER**, and a **SECRETARY**, to be chosen annually on the first Wednesday of January.

V.

IN the absence of the President, the senior Member of the Committee shall preside. And all votes in the election of

of Officers, and of Members, shall be by ballot.

VI.

THE President shall preside at all meetings, receive and sign all communications, and direct in the execution of all orders of the Society.

VII.

THE Committee of Observation, with the consent of the President, shall purchase all approved Books of History, of Voyages and Travels, and of Navigation, which may be obtained and appropriated by votes of the Society from the Funds, or may be otherwise ordered by the Society; and they shall inspect the records of the Society.

VIII.

THE Treasurer shall keep a true and full account of all monies paid and delivered on account of the Society, and of all property, of whatever name, belonging to the Society, and shall give bond, to the satisfaction of the President and Committee, for the faithful discharge of his trust, and shall annually submit his accounts to the inspection of
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the Members for settlement ; and such settlement shall be signed by the President.

IX.

THE Secretary shall furnish every Member with a printed Copy of the By-Laws and Regulations, and shall notify the Members of the time of meeting, by leaving a written or printed notification at their respective dwellings, at least one day before the meeting. He shall also keep Records, in proper Books, of all Transactions of the Society, and shall receive and deliver to the Treasurer all sums contributed or paid by the Members at their meetings. He shall also keep proper Books to record and digest all communications which may be useful to navigation, and may be ordered by the President, and Committee of Observation.

X.

THE Society shall meet six times in a year ; namely, on the First Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September and November.

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XI.

EACH Member, at his admission, shall pay the sum of Twenty-five Dollars, and at each meeting the sum of Fifty Cents, to be reserved as a Capital Stock, to be afterwards applied to such purposes as two thirds of the Members may approve.

XII.

THAT a convenient place be provided by the President for the meeting of the Members, with proper apartments for the Books, Papers, Charts, Curiosities, and such other things as the Society may collect, or by donation may receive, until a building be purchased, or otherwise obtained by the Society, for their accommodation.

XIII.

IF any Member, duly warned, shall neglect to attend at the time appointed for a meeting, he shall pay Twenty-five Cents, unless prevented by absence from town, sickness, or some just occasion, which may be accepted by the Members as an excuse.

XIV.

THE Members engage to assist in
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collecting all valuable Publications, in every language, either as donations to the Society, or to be held in their own private right, for the temporary use of the Society, under such terms as may be agreed on with the President and Committee.

XV.

THE Members returning from Sea shall in all cases present the journals of their voyages to the President for the inspection of the Committee, without any excuse whatever; and the Committee shall direct the Secretary to make such extracts as they shall judge useful to the Society.

XVI.

EVERY Member, upon his arrival from sea, shall communicate in writing his observations of the bearings and distances of all Capes and Headlands; of the Latitude and Longitude of Islands, Rocks and Shoals; of Soundings, Tides and Currents; of unusual Occurrences, Storms and Accidents; with all other observations, which he may judge useful to be recorded; at the discretion of the

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the Committee, who shall receive the same at the first meeting.

XVII.

THE President and Committee may order a public Dinner to be provided for the Members annually, on the first Wednesday in January; and the expenses shall be paid by such Members as receive the notification.

XVIII.

EVERY Member who shall neglect to pay the assessment for two years, if he has been within this Commonwealth, and for four years if within the United States, and a proper bill of such assessment has been delivered to him; or who shall disturb in any way the harmony of the Society; may be discharged by a vote of three fourths of the Members present, and shall be excluded from any benefit of the funds or other stock of the Society.

XIX.

IF any Member, by shipwreck, capture, or unavoidable misfortune, become unable to pay his assessment, all demands

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upon him may be suspended at the discretion of the Society.

XX.

UPON the decease of any Member, his proportion of the stock shall become the property of the surviving Members; but, should his Widow or Children require assistance, it shall be afforded to her or them, as the Society shall please to provide, regard being had to the amount of the subscriptions or donations of the deceased Member. But if any Member apply for assistance, it shall be granted only at the will of the Society, from the Stock, or by a private contribution at their discretion.

XXI.

No part of the Capital Stock shall be at Interest, unless secured by Bond, or Mortgage of Land, of at least double the amount, and free from all incumbrances whatever, and within the Town of Salem.

XXII.

To prevent all injuries from false and malicious charges of misconduct in foreign voyages, the Members agree, upon all complaints, to institute an inquiry

quiry by a Special Committee of five persons, which Committee shall report the result to the Society, and if the Society acquit the Member complaining of such injuries, they agree to furnish certificates of their approbation and recommendation, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary.

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OF
SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.

- 1 JONATHAN LAMBERT
- 2 Ichabod Nichols
- 3 Benjamin Carpenter
- 4 Benjamin Hodges
- 5 John Osgood
- 6 Jonathan Mafon
- 7 Benjamin Crowninshield
- 8 Thomas Chipman
- 9 Daniel Sage
- 10 John Ropes
- 11 Jonathan Hodges
- 12 Jacob Crowninshield
- 13 Benjamin Webb, jun.
- 14 Henry Clarke
- 15 Nathaniel Silsbee
- 16 John Prince, jun.
- 17 John Felt

Joseph

- 18 Joseph Ropes
- 19 William Richardson
- 20 Benjamin Bullock
- 21 Richard Gardner
- 22 William Robinson
- 23 Josiah Orne
- 24 John Gibaut
- 25 George Girdler Smith
- 26 Jonathan Ingersoll
- 27 Thomas Putnam
- 28 Daniel Hathorne
- 29 Edward West
- 30 Jonathan Carnes
- 31 Clifford Crowninshield
- 32 George Hodges
- 33 Enoch Swett
- 34 Israel Williams
- 35 James Barr, jun.
- 36 Moses Townsend
- 37 Benjamin Lander
- 38 Samuel Derby
- 39 Samuel Lambert
- 40 Henry Elkins
- 41 John Burchmore
- 42 William Ives

43 James Diveroux

44 George Nichols

45 William Ward

46 Richard Wheatland

47. Elias H. Derby
48. Henry Prince
49. Nathl. Bowditch
50. Stephen Phillips
51. Dudley L. Pickman
52. Samuel Skerry
53. William Browne
54. Joseph Orne
55. George Popes
56. William Mugford
57. Joseph White Jr.
58. Nathl. Ingersoll
59. Henry Tibbets
60. Tim^r. Bryant
61. George Burchmore
62. Nathl. Appleton
63. Nathl. Robinson
64. John Barton
65. James Stuart
66. John Collins
67. Daniel Saunders
68. Penn Townsend

69 Johnson Briggs

70 Joshua Goodale

71 Wm Cleveland

72 George Cleveland





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